Biharsharif Bypass

195. SHRI RAMASHRAYA PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is true that six (6) kilometers of N.H. 31 crossing Biharsharif town, Headquarter of Nalanda District, called 'Biharsharif Bypass' is in very bad condition;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial measures being taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. The Bypass is being maintained in traffic worthy condition within available resources.

[Translation]

Educational Institutions in Uttar Pradesh

196. SHRI MUNAWWAR HASSAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a number of educational, polytechnical institutions in Uttar Pradesh during 1997-98; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) and (b) As per the provisions in the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) Act, 1987, the power of according approval for starting new technical institutes including polytechnics rests with the AICTE. The proposals are processed by the Council in accordance with the regulations notified under the Act. The procedure and mechanism is applicable to all proposals covering those from Uttar Pradesh as well.

Literacy Rate

197. SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH :
DR. RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the percentage of literacy rate in the country;

(b) the position of India as compared to the literacy rate in the other parts of the world; and

(c) the details of schemes launched to promote literacy in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA):

(a) As per the 1991 Census the percentage of literacy in the country is 52.21%.

(b) A comparative statement indicating the literacy rate of India and the nine most populous countries in 15 plus age group as on 1990 as per the statistical year book 1993 published by UNESCO is enclosed as statement.

(c) The main approach of the National Literacy Mission for promotion of literacy is through volunteer-based Total Literacy Campaigns, taken up on the basis of projects prepared by the districts. The Total Literacy Campaigns are implemented by Zilla Saksharata Samitis which include representation from voluntary agencies. Where the Total Literacy Campaigns have not been taken up as yet, voluntary agencies are supported for taking up literacy work in small pockets.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Country	Estimated Literacy Rate (1990)
1.	Bangladesh	38.1
2.	Brazil	83.3
3.	China	81.5
4.	Egypt	51.4
5.	India	52.0
6.	Indonesia	83.8
7.	Mexico	89.6
8.	Nigeria	57.1
9.	Pakistan	37.8

Ayurvedic and Unani Institute

198. DR. RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of ayurvedic and unani educational institutions in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the number out of them which are being run by the Union/State Government, district-wise;

(c) whether most of these institutions do not have teaching facilities; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) As per information available there are 11 Ayurveda and 7 Unani Medical Colleges functioning in U.P.

(b) As per information available, district-wise No. of Ayurveda & Unani Medical Colleges run by State Government is given in the attached Statement.